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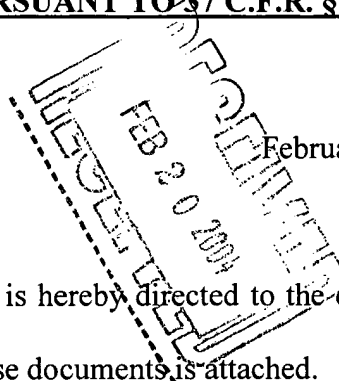
For: **PROJECTION APPARATUS, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE APPARATUS, METHOD OF EXPOSURE USING THE APPARATUS, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING CIRCUIT DEVICES BY USING THE APPARATUS**

Attorney Docket No.: 991482A

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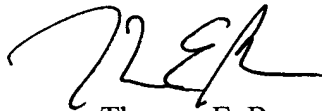
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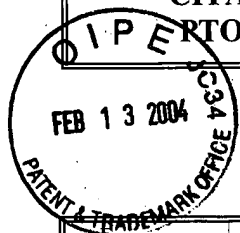
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### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		2-106917	4/90	Japan	Yes – Abstract
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### OTHER DOCUMENTS

		Copy of European Search Report dated January 23, 2004 for the corresponding European Patent Application.
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